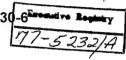
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The Office of Management and Budget has advised there is no objection to the submission of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

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The Office of Management and Budget has advised there is no objection to the submission of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

Yours sincerely

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Approved For Release 2004/03/15 CIA-RDP80M00165A001800070030-67 **Executive Registry** 7-5232 MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence FROM: Acting Legislative Counsel SUBJECT: H.R. 6881, the Olson Bill Action Requested: Attached for your consideration and signature is a letter to Chairman Rodino on H.R. 6881, a private bill that would restore Mrs. Olson's survivorship pension under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA). The Agency is not objecting to the bill. Background: On 17 July 1975, the Olson family filed a wrongful death claim with the Central Intelligence Agency under the Federal Tort Claims Act for money damages. However, a suit under the Act would undoubtedly have failed as the courts have consistently held that the FECA provides the exclusive remedy for death resulting from workrelated injury. The White House and the Agency, in consultation with the Olson family attorney, agreed to support a private bill. The private bill provided a \$1.25 million compensation to the surviving members of the immediate family of Dr. Olson and terminated Mrs. Olson's pension of \$800.00 a month. When the private bill, S. 3035, was passed last year, however, the amount of the compensation was reduced by the Congress to \$750,000 and Mrs. Olson's pension was terminated. The congressional sponsors of H.R. 6881 feel that the amount cut in the compensation requested was too drastic and that it was inequitable to terminate the pension. Staff Position: Some difference of opinion has always existed within the Agency on the equities of supporting a private bill for the Olson family in the face of a long history of treating performance-of-duty employee death cases exclusively under FECA. However, there have been no changes in the circumstances which justified previous Executive Branch support for a private bill. Thus, it seems that we should continue to support fair and equitable compensation to the Olson family by indicating we have no objection to a bill to restore Mrs. Olson's survivorship pension.

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The Offices of General Counsel and Personnel concur in the recommendation set forth below.

4. Recommendation: That you sign the attached letter which takes the position that you have no objection to H.R. 6881.

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COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

July 27, 1977

Honorable Stansfield Turner Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

RE: H.R. 6881 - To amend the Act entitled "An Act for the relief of Alice W. Olson, Lisa Olson Hayward, Eric Olson, and Nils Olson."

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are copies of the captioned bill pending before this Committee.

I shall appreciate your furnishing the Committee with an expression of your views on the proposed legislation.

Sincerely yours,

Peter W. Rodino, Jr. Chairman

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Note: Please send four copies of your report.

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May 3, 1977

Mr. Byrox introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 That the Act entitled "An Act for the relief Alice W.
- 4 Olson, Lisa Olson Hayward, Eric Olson, and Nils Olson" is
- 5 amended in the second sentence of the first section thereof
- 6 by inserting a period after "death" and striking out all
- 7 through the end of the section.
- 8 Sec. 2. The restoration of benefits effected by the amend-
- 9 ment made by the first section of this Act shall take retro-
- 10 active effect to the date next following the date on which
- 11 such benefits were terminated and received by the said
- 12 Alice W. Olson.

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